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SUBJECT: GOI JULY 23 CABINET SESSION

1. AT THE END OF THE JULY 23 CABINET SESSION, PRIME
MINISTER BEGIN TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE CABINET HAD DE-
CIDED NOT TO COMPLY WITH SADAT'S REQUEST TO HAND EL
ARISH AND SANTA KATERINA OVER TO EGYPTIAN CIVILIAN RULE.
HE STATED THAT IT IS INCONCEIVABLE TO MAKE A ONE-SIDED
STEP BUT THAT ISRAEL WAS PREPARED TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS
ON PROPOSALS MADE BY IT AND EGYPT AND THAT THESE
NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HELD ON THE BASIS OF MUTUALITY.
THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD SEND A PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TO SADAT TELLING HIM ABOUT THE CABINET'S DECISION. BEGIN
PROPOSED TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT ALTERNATIVELY
IN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM; ALEXANDRIA AND HAIFA OR ANYWHERE
IN OR OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE EAST. IN RESPONSE TO A
REPORTER'S QUESTION ON WHETHER DAYAN HAD PROPOSED CHANGES
IN THE ISRAELI PEACE PLAN, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE
FOREIGN MINISTER HAD NOT PROPOSED MAKING ANY CHANGES.

2. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF
CABINET COMMUNIQUE:

--THE CABINET APPOINTED PROF. Y.ZAMIR AS ATTORNEY-
GENERAL. (REMAINDER OF SECTION OMITTED);

--THE CABINET AUTHORIZED THE PRIME MINISTER TO REPLY TO
THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT ON THE PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED TO
THE PRIME MINISTER THROUGH THE DEFENSE MINISTER DURING
THIER MEETING IN SALZBURG.

--THE ISRAELI CABINET CONDEMS THE PERSONAL ATTACKS BY
ALIGNMENT LEADERS ON THE PRIME MINSTER. THE UN-
WARRENTED NEED TO RESORT TO POISONOUS ATTACKS SHOWS
THAT TODAY'S OPPOSITION IS CASTING OFF ALL NATIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY, EVEN WHEN IT KNOWS THAT ITS ACTIONS
ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PEACE PROCESS AND THE FOREIGN
POLICIES OF THE STATE.

3. THE CABINET DID NOT DISCUSS THE SUPPLEMENTAL
BUDGET PROPOSAL OF THE FINANCE MINISTER AT THE SESSION.
DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT WILL TAKE PLACE AT A SPECIAL
CABINET MEETING TO BE HELD THE MORNING OF JULY 24.
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